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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/587,482	STIBLERT ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	JANET L. SUGLO	2857	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendments filed 9/23/10.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8 and 11-17.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on September 23, 2010. These drawings are acceptable.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ernest J. Beffel, Jr. (Reg. No. 43,489) on November 5, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9 is hereby cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 2-8 and 11-17** are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to **claim 2**, Stern teaches a method for determining coordinates of an arbitrarily shaped pattern on a surface in a deflector system (Stern: Figure 3A; col 3, ln 31-56; col 6, ln 24-62), including:

- a) selecting a reference clock signal that defines a movement in a first direction (X) (Stern: col 1, ln 59-63; col 4, ln 55-57; col 5, ln 19-22),
- b) providing a micro sweep that repeatedly scans the surface in a second direction (Y), perpendicular to the first direction (X) (Stern: col 1, ln 55 – col 2, ln 9; col 3, ln 45-56);
- c) selecting a measurement clock signal that is related to the signal used to start each micro sweep in the second direction (Y) (Stern: col 5, ln 17-60),
- d) adjusting the speed of the movement in the first direction (X) to determine the distance between the start of each micro sweep (Stern: col 5, ln 17-60),
- e) performing a first run that include the steps of:
 - e1) starting a first micro sweep at a starting position (Stern: Figure 6; col 5, ln 13-26),
 - e2) detecting the arbitrarily shaped pattern when the pattern is moved in the first direction (X) relative the deflector system (Stern: Figure 13; col 1, ln 55 – col 2, ln 19; col 3, ln 45-56; col 5, ln 31-52).

Stern does not *explicitly* teach counting scan lines to detect the edge of the pattern. Blazek teaches

- e3) generating at least one event if the edge of the pattern is detected (Blazek: col 6, ln 32-38) , and

e4) counting the number of micro sweeps performed until each event is generated (Blazek: col 5, ln 10-18; col 6, ln 50-58), and

f) calculating a coordinate of the edge, for each event, in the first direction (X) using the number of performed micro sweeps (Blazek: col 3, ln 63 – col 4, ln 9; col 6, ln 50-58; col 9, ln 16-25).

Neither Stern nor Blazek teach more than one run as defined in step e) is preformed, for each run the starting position in step e1) is pseudo randomly selected, thereby generating pseudo randomly distributed micro sweeps between each run.

With respect to **claim 12**, Stern teaches a method for determining coordinates of an arbitrarily shaped pattern in a deflector system (Stern: Figure 3A; col 3, ln 31-56; col 6, ln 24-62), including:

moving the pattern in a first direction (X), calculating the position of the pattern by carrying out micro sweeps, performed in a perpendicular direction (Y), until the pattern is detected, and determining the coordinates by relating the micro sweeps to the speed of the movement of the pattern (Stern: col 1, ln 55 – col 2, ln 19; col 3, ln 45-56; col 5, ln 31-52). Stern does not *explicitly* teach counting scan lines to detect the edge of the pattern. Blazek teaches counting scan lines to detect the edge of the pattern (Blazek: col 5, ln 1-18; col 5, ln 63-68; col 6, ln 32-38; col 7, ln 6-40; col 11, ln 14-20). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Stern to include counting scan lines to detect edges as done by Blazek because this ensure proper alignment in a quick and efficient manner.

Neither Stern nor Blazek teach an off-set in the first direction (X) for the first micro sweep is pseudo randomly selected for each run.

Claims 2-8 are allowable over the prior art because the combination of limitations including especially *the starting position in step e1) is pseudo randomly selected, thereby generating pseudo randomly distributed micro sweeps between each run* is not found, taught or suggested in the prior art of record.

Claims 11-17 are allowable over the prior art because the combination of limitations including especially *an off-set in the first direction (X) for the first micro sweep is pseudo randomly selected for each run* is not found, taught or suggested in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JANET L. SUGLO whose telephone number is (571)272-8584. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano can be reached on 571-272-7925. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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